I. Gospel Outreach Director Visits Philippines (Part 2)
II. Building a Mission in Thailand (Foundation Application) III. Purchasing Lao Property ~~~~~~~~~~~ URGENT REQUEST
   We are changing the way we distribute the FED e-News. The old distribution method worked fine in the beginning, but
   with thousands of subscribers, it became time-consuming and unwieldy to send out the newsletter each week. We plan
   to distribute it via Yahoo Groups in the future. In fact many of you are already receiving it from Yahoo Groups. Our
   daughter-in-law, Lila Tidwell, just sent invitations to each of you to sign up to the FED e-News Yahoo group. Please
   accept the invitation if you wish to continue to receive my newsletter. If you didn’t receive an invitation you can also
   subscribe by sending an email to:
   <fednews-subscribe@yahoolgroups.com>

I. Gospel Outreach Director Visits Philippines
   Fred L. Webb <sulads@suladsnnewsletter.org> Feb. 8-11:
   I am currently in the Philippines on my annual visit to the workers for Gospel Outreach and the SULADS. The next few
   reports will be from these workers . . .

   Report from Northeastern Mindanao Mission
   The GO Coordinator from Northeastern Mindanao Mission (NeMM) arrived at South Philippine Union Conference
   office about 12 noon on Sunday, February 8. After a great lunch provided by SPUC we headed for Butuan, the home
   base of NeMM with Alex Panes, CEO of SULADS. We arrived about 6 pm and were greeted by a wonderful supper. With
   little other activity we retired for the night.
   Monday morning after breakfast, we joined with the mission staff in listening to the reports from the field. This was
   followed by a meeting with Mission President, Antonio Pamunag, GO Coordinator Nimrod Saramosing, the mission
   accountant in the absence of the treasurer, and Alex Panes. Both Pastor Pamunag and Pastor Saramosing postponed or
   delegated someone else to fulfill other obligations so they could be here for my visit. I expressed my appreciation to
   them for that honor. We discussed matters concerning the GO program and SULADS within the NeMM territory. There
   are two SULADS sponsored by GO here through this mission. In addition, there are six other Gospel Outreach workers.
   I briefly went over some of the policies and responsibilities of both the mission and GO for this program. This was
   received in a good spirit and appreciation was expressed for the work that GO is doing in this area.
   Four of the villages that GO has been working in will become 5 years old next October. Plans area being made to
   either not renew the contracts of some of the workers or renew a contract in a new area for them. All four of these
   churches will be handed over to a district pastor for further nurturing.
   Bro. Hallasgo, one of the original four GO workers, had to drop out due to the illness of his wife. He has been replaced
   by Mcnihm Saramosing. While he will be keeping an eye on the work in Sinaca that Bro. Hallasgo started, he will
   concentrate on work in Takiling, a new field just recently introduced to Jesus Christ.
   It is likely that one of the original four will not have a contract renewed due to lack of diligence in his work. Should
   that take place, a new worker will take his place. Names will be submitted if and when the transition takes place.
   The accountant says that he does not always receive the information that funds have been transmitted to NeMM and
   has to search the bank records to see if funds have come in. So far he has been able to identify each one. He further
   states that one of the GO workers usually does not pick up his stipend by the end of each month but comes in near the
   beginning of the new month. Therefore, the QSA may show his tardiness.
   Again, the mission administration expressed their thanks and appreciation for the contribution that GO is making
   towards the evangelization of this region. They would urge the acceptance of Mr. Romeo Mahinay as a GO worker. Bro.
   Mahinay is a musician that this mission feels would be able to inspire the church members and Bible Interests alike to
   want to know Jesus better.
At 2 pm, Pastors Saramosing and Pamunag took Alex Panes and I to Coro to visit the work of GO worker Perfecto Tecson. There has been little change in the work in Coro but they have been working to revive the church members who had dropped out of the Jabonga Central church that actually stood vacant for some time due to leadership problems. The church facility was donated by a European friend but was unused for some time. Now they have about 80 in regular attendance.

Upon returning to the NeMM office, I met Mr. Russ Dawis, the coordinator for the SULADS in this mission. He expressed great appreciation for the two GO sponsored SULADS here. They are both leading out in the supervision of several mission schools each. There is another worker, James Subigca, whom he would like to be taken on by GO so that the work may go more smoothly.

Another name that Bro. Dawis would like to have included is Noel Malig-on. These two would be very useful to the program of reaching the unreached in the mountains.

Tuesday morning after breakfast, Nimrod Saramosing, Alex Panes and I left to visit two GO workers. First was Benjamin Rosales in the area of Taguibo. He has been there only since last August but has 8 baptized members already. He has more interests and will soon be presenting them for baptism.

Benjamin asked about a request that was made of him to assist in an evangelistic series some distance from his assignment. I counseled him that I thought it was good experience for him to work with a seasoned evangelist but that in doing so, he must not allow his work in Taguibo to languish. He has a project of planting gardens for livelihood for the members of his church and fears that working with the outside evangelistic meetings would compromise his influence in the village. Pastor Saramosing was in on the conversation and promised to counsel with the administration to leave Benjamin in his own territory.

Benjamin has constructed a small church in Taguibo that will accommodate his members and interests for several years. His pews were unique in that they were rows of large tree trunks cut off in sections for seats with a 2" x 2" across the back for a backrest. Very interesting.

Leaving Taguibo, we continued up the mountain over some very muddy roads where there is major construction going on especially in areas where there have been frequent mudslides in the past. We came to a fork in the road where Pastor Sarsmosing parked the 4WD vehicle. If we proceeded straight ahead, we would come to Sinaca where we have a church built up by GO. We were met there by McNhim Saramosing, the son of Nimrod, who is our GO worker replacing Bro. Hallasgo. Today, we walked to the left down a steep and rutted roadway to the bottom where there was a bamboo bridge constructed so motorcycles could cross. Then it was back up the other side.

There was a lot of mud. Now I am not afraid of a little mud but tonight, I must pack my things to fly to Legazpi tomorrow morning. Therefore, I did not want to get my shoes and jeans too muddy. McNhim removed his rubber boots and allowed me to wear them while he hiked in sandals which they call slippers. They are what we would call flip-flops. We hiked about a Km up a very muddy road to where the Tagkiling church is located. Approximately 25 persons were there.

One family was there that had lost there home to a mudslide just two months ago. The family of four children including a newborn along with both parents were asleep at 3 am. There was a typhoon raging with a heavy downpour of rain. The bank behind their house gaved way and slid down the hill completely engulfing their little wooden home. The older children got out quickly and the father was free. The lower portion of the mother's leg was pinned by one of the timbers of the house against their little refrigerator. She handed the newborn to her husband who took the infant to safety. Immediate efforts were launched to get the mother out. By 8 am-five hours after she was pinned down, the mother was freed. In order to accomplish this, they had to dig the mud aside and then cut the timber with a chainsaw. The cut was made about an inch from her leg so it had to be done very carefully. She was freed but there was damage to her leg. She had no feeling in her feet. Now, two months later, some feeling has returned and she just yesterday walked for the first time with primitive crutches.

The whole family was at the church. The mother had been brought on the back of a motorcycle so she could be present for the dedication of her baby.

Another family was there from Sinaca which I was very happy to see. They were the couple who had come out of the cultic island and two years ago she surrendered her cultic symbols to be destroyed by fire. I was happy to learn that he is now the elder of the church in Sinaca and she is also faithful. They are raising their three children to love the Lord.

The first service in Tagkiling was a baby dedication. After a song and prayer, I was asked to say a few words about the dedication. I emphasized the need of not only the training from the parents but that it took the whole church to
properly raise a child. I stressed that if the parents could not afford a Christian education for their children, it becomes the responsibility of the church to provide the necessary resources for the proper training of the children.

All the parents with their children came forward including the two couples mentioned above to have their children dedicated to Jesus. I prayed a prayer of dedication with the assistance of Pastor Saramosing and Alex Panes who is also an ordained minister.

A generous lunch was served followed by a walk up the creek to a small waterfall where there was an idyllic site for a baptism. Two young people in their mid to late teens expressed their desire to put Jesus first in their lives. These siblings are the children of the owners of the property on which the little Tagkiling church stands. The parents have not yet decided to accept baptism but it is expected that they will make that choice in due time. After a picture taking of the group, we took our leave from Tagkiling and returned to the NeMM office.

As we arrived in the NeMM compound, we were met by GO worker Larry Mata from Kidijay. He has about 38 members faithfully meeting each Sabbath. The church there is nearing completion. He showed me pictures of some portions of the church that look very attractive. I should receive those pictures soon via a report he has left with the mission for translation to English.

Several of the villages now worked by our GO workers will have been worked for 5 years come November. Pastor Saramosing is working to re-assign the workers that have done well and not renew the contract for those who have not done so well. The village of Sinaca is one that has been entered now for 5 years but due to the health problems of Sister Hallasgo, it has not been developed as well as it should be. The new worker there, Mchnim Saramosing, will concentrate his work in nearby Tagkiling but will continue to nurture and encourage the members in Sinaca.

I am pleased with the progress made in this mission by our GO workers.

The administration is very thankful for the workers that have been provided by funding form GO. I pray that good things will continue to come from these workers who are doing their part to fulfill the Great Gospel Commission.

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II. Building a Mission in Thailand (Foundation Application)

The Bair Family <missions@danielbair.com> Feb 15:

Our team has been busy working on papers to apply for an official organization in Thailand (a "foundation"), which will be a blessing not only for our team, but also for the other Jesus for Asia (JFA) ministries in Thailand. Gop and Frame, our Thai team members, have had the largest responsibility in this project, since they are fluent in the Thai language.

They told us this story:

A few months ago, we were researching how to establish a foundation in Thailand in behalf of Jesus for Asia. Our friend, Buakhet was a great help, telling us what she did to establish her foundation. We also met a pastor of a Sunday church who had established his own foundation, and he recommended for us to go to the provincial office, and tell them that we don’t know how to establish a foundation and would like their advice. We felt God’s leading as we got an appointment and talked with the provincial official. He was friendly and helpful, writing a list of all the documents needed, and printing many of the needed forms for us to fill out.

Last month, the papers were completed and ready to submit to the district office. At the district office, we first met one official, who referred us to another man. The second man complained that there were already many foundations in Mae Taeng. Just then, the first official came in and kindly asked the how our foundation papers looked. The look on the second district official's face changed as he realized that we already had met with his boss, so he spoke kindly also, saying the papers looked good.

Last month we received a letter that the papers are in progress, and they are double-checking the background check papers for Daniel Bair and Jon Wood. It is a good sign that there was no mention of missing papers. We are praying that the foundation will be approved soon.

Truly the hearts of our governmental leaders are in God's hands! Praise God for this good progress, and for giving us favor with those that are in authority over us!

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III. Purchasing Lao Property

Dick Hall <dicknjeanh@gmail.com> Feb. 17:

We have been looking at property in Luang Prabang Laos, to build a place of worship, and start a Bible based English language school. The owner was asking $150,000 and we were able to get her down to $125,000. I was asked to work on raising the money to buy this and we desperately need a center of influence in this large city in Laos where we have a few members but no place of worship. Students are always eager to learn English and a Bible based language school
would attract them and it will be an opportunity to present the love of God to them. I was there in December and was asked to come back home and raise the funds to buy it. I was negligent and hadn't done anything about it and here it is February already. Well the Lord stepped in and changed things. Another piece of land was located and it is right in the city, about 200 meters from a main highway. It is a larger property with a house on it that can be used for the language school and a place of worship. Praise the Lord the owner is asking only $45,000 for it. Below you will see what has already been pledged. If you can help the Lords work in Laos please send a check to: Lebanon SDA Church, addressed to me: Dick Hall, 40011 McDowell Creek Dr., Lebanon, Oregon 97355, and mark it for Laos I will give it to our church treasurer and she will send you a tax deductible receipt. When you send your check or make a pledge, please email me with the amount and I will add it to the list of donations.

God Bless you as you help our dear Lao people to learn about Jesus. As most of you know Jean and I were the first Christian missionaries to enter Northern Laos many years ago. -- Dick and Jean Hall ~~~~~~~~~~ To remove your name from the mailing list of this newsletter, simply reply to this e-mail and put "REMOVE" in the Subject line.